

**From:** (b) (6) CDR SECNAV, SAL  
**To:** (b) (6) LtCol SECNAV, SAL  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] VICTIM Navy Wife IRT LCDR Thomas Hinnant  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:35:23

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**From:** (b) (6) CDR SECNAV, SAL  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:35 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] VICTIM Navy Wife IRT LCDR Thomas Hinnant

(b) (6). Hinnant,

The Secretary of the Navy has received your below email and I am responding on his behalf.

At this time, because there is an ongoing action and we need to preserve the integrity of the process, it would be inappropriate to comment regarding the specifics of the case. Additionally, the Privacy Act restricts the release of information to third parties without a signed Privacy Act waiver from interested parties. That said, I do want to clear up some issues that you raised in your email.

The Naval message you provided the Secretary contained incorrect information because the Secretary has not been involved in this case. Any action taken to order a Board of Inquiry for a Navy Officer is initiated by either the Commander, Navy Personnel Command or the Chief of Naval Personnel as they deem appropriate. I realize you attached a Naval message that indicated otherwise, but that message was incorrect. The Secretary had no involvement in the decision to order your husband to show cause.

As to your inquiry regarding your husband's FOIA/Privacy Act request to the Secretary, your husband should have already received a reply. If he did not receive the response, he can request a copy be emailed to him.

Very respectfully,

CDR (b) (6), JAGC, USN  
Special Assistant for Legal Matters  
Office of the Secretary of the Navy

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**From:** (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** Stackley, Sean J HON Secretary of the Navy (Acting)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] VICTIM Navy Wife IRT LCDR Thomas Hinnant

Secretary Stackley,

My name is (b) (6). I have been a Navy wife since February 10th, 1989, and for most of those 28 and 1/2 years, my husband and I have been proud of devoting our lives to the Navy. But I have been greatly disappointed in the Navy recently, and I hope you can help.

For the last four years, one month and 13 days, my life and my husband's life has been turned into a walking nightmare by a woman named (b) (6) (she also goes by (b) (6)). Ms. (b) (6) is stealing over \$1,500 per month from the U.S. taxpayers, which could amount to over a million dollars during her lifetime. While my family is struggling to pay Lawyers to defend my husband. She has done this with a fraudulent sexual assault allegation against my husband which was disproven at a Preliminary Hearing.

Ms. (b) (6) is a practiced con artist with a history of lies who figured out how she could game the Navy's and Veteran Affairs's systems by portraying herself as a victim of sexual assault. She has used this story to collect disability and other benefits designed to go to actual sexual assault victims.

After a judge found in a Preliminary Hearing that she had perjured herself in state court and that there was not even probable cause to support her story, she went to your office, portrayed herself as an actual victim, and persuaded your office to direct your three-star admiral in charge of Naval Personnel Command to initiate board of inquiry proceedings against my husband (see attached message, where your office directed the BOI based on her personal request).

I doubt she provided your office with the report from the hearing that found no probable cause, so I am providing it with this letter. And I'm sure your office did not see the brief and sworn affidavits that my husband's attorneys have uncovered about this woman, showing a troubling history of behavior and dishonesty and thoroughly disproving her allegations against my husband. I am attaching the brief and three of the affidavits, so as not to overwhelm your inbox. If you would like to see more, I am happy to provide them at your request.

Like many con artists, her tactic throughout this process has been to use confidence as a tool to fool people initially and to react aggressively when confronted with holes in her story. When NCIS told her their investigation corroborated nothing in her story, she went to Senator Gillibrand and used her office to pressure NCIS and the Navy into keeping the investigation going and getting it to an Article 32 hearing. I'm sure Sen. Gillibrand has never been provided a shred of actual evidence, all of which actually disproves this woman's story. But Ms. (b) (6) (a.k.a. (b) (6)) understands that if you aggressively portray yourself as a sexual assault victim you can go virtually unchallenged in dealing with Government officials. Because typically no one asks for any proof, it is easy for her to make senior Navy officials jump through hoops to give her what she wants. With your office, she was able, without any proof, not only to get your office to direct that CNP order a BOI against my husband long after this case was dismissed from court, but also to get the officials at Naval Personnel Command to violate Navy rules, including the Secretary of the Navy's Instructions for convening a BOI, to get it done. For example, the SECNAV Instruction governing continuances gives her no right to ask for or receive a continuance. My husband had worked with Navy Region Mid-Atlantic to complete his BOI last week. But the officials at Naval Personnel Command have delayed the board because Ms. (b) (6) and her VLC said they have other personal commitments and demanded a continuance so they could be present. Now the board will not happen until August 15, and my husband's military lawyer, who is leaving active duty, has to come back from his terminal leave to represent him. CNP's office has also violated the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act by failing to even acknowledge requests for information we have made. I personally am very upset that these officials are not complying with the Navy's own rules and federal law. I hope you are troubled by this too. It is fairly transparent that they are just trying to pacify Ms. (b) (6) because they are more scared politically of her than my husband, even though they know he will win the board.

This is not only unfair, but it is not what the Navy should stand for. The Navy is supposed to be a noble profession, and it has been for most of my husband's career. Now I am seeing it as a collection of bureaucrats who are more concerned with their own careers than with doing the right thing. Now I see it as an organization that bows to political pressure when faced with a hard decision. My husband and I have two adult daughters and one in High School. We are completely supportive of policies that help actual victims of sexual assault. And I believe as much as anyone that such accusations should be taken seriously and properly vetted, even if they are not true. But this accusation has been properly and thoroughly vetted. What it has uncovered is enough evidence to convict this woman for violating the Federal False Claims Act and for prosecuting her for false statements. I am outraged that, despite the mountain of actual evidence showing that this woman has been perpetuating this fraud for four years, no one in your office or in any part of the Navy bureaucracy dealing with this case has asked to see any evidence before allowing her to continue persecuting my family, solely, it seems, out of fear that someone claiming to be a sexual assault victim will complain about them or their organization.

I ask that you take a look at the evidence I have sent you and order CNP to dismiss the administrative case against my husband. Unlike the woman who has orchestrated all of this, I am an actual victim -- my whole family is a victim of her lies. And unlike Ms. (b) (6) who has done this for money, I am seeking justice. I hope you will take my letter as seriously as you took hers and correct the mistakes your organization has allowed to happen.

My husband did not want to send you a letter directly because he did not want to upset his chain of command. I, however, am fed up with the way your bureaucracy has allowed a con artist to impact my family, and I want it corrected.

I have CC'd our lawyer as he has asked for copies of all correspondence dealing with our case. I would also ask that your office reply to our Freedom of information act (FOIA) request that we sent to your office in January. This information will be used in our ongoing lawsuit against (b) (6).

Thank you for your careful attention to this matter. If you have any questions for me, I am happy to answer them, either by email or at my cell phone, which is (b) (6).

Sincerely,

(b) (6)